

EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council

Held on 1st December 2014 at The Coffee Tavern

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| PRESENT (PC = Parish Council) | Cllr. G. Johns (<i>Chairman</i>) Cllr. J. Conner Cllr. M. Costello Cllr. M. Simkins Cllr. P. Spicer | Cllr. M. Tomkins Cllr. L. Tribbick Cllr. G. Wigley Cllr. R. Windmill |
| IN ATTENDANCE | Heidi Head (<i>Parish Clerk/RFO</i>) | |
| ALSO PRESENT | General Public x8 Cllr. Marion Mustoe, Bedfordshire Police x2 | |

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies of absence.

2. SPECIFIC DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr. Spicer declared an interest in Agenda item 8(2).

There were no other declarations of interest at this point in the meeting.

3. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

Points brought to the attention of the Parish Council (PC)

- What is happening with The Rye ground?; *matter to be discussed under Agenda item 8(1).*
- What is happening with the HGV limit?; *matter to be discussed under Agenda item 8(8).*

4. SIGNING OF THE MINUTES FOR EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING, 03/11/14

Amendments were made to the following: page 1571, item 2 'interested' replaced with 'interest'; page 1573, item 7, comment[2] 'a' to be removed. It was then agreed unanimously to accept the minutes of the Meeting of Eaton Bray Parish Council held on 3rd November 2014; the Chairman signed the minutes.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES (for information)

- (1) Cllr. Brian Spurr (12/05/14); *awaiting full report from meeting.*
- (2) Additional inscription/war memorial (01/09/14); *awaiting full details.*
- (3) Drains (06/10/14); *Clerk has contacted CBC for more clarification, awaiting response.*
- (4) White Horse Bus Stop (03/11/14); *awaiting response to request.*
- (5) Bus Stop Timetables (03/11/14); *awaiting response.*

6. REPRESENTATIVES

- (1) Central Beds Council (CBC): www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk

Cllr. Mustoe addressed the council.

- (1.1) Autism Awareness Training: CBC is working in partnership with Autism Bedfordshire, Bedford and Luton Borough Council to run an autism awareness training programme. The training is run by a highly experienced trainer and all attendees will hear a personal account from someone with autism. Call 01234 350704 for more details on the free training.

- (1.2) Motocross: Noise test has been carried out; awaiting report.

- (1.3) Springbank: Current case has been closed; resident has forwarded written confirmation to CBC that they will not be carrying out dog breeding.

- (1.4) School Closures due to bad weather: Keep up to date on which CBC schools are closed during bad weather on their website:

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/webApps/SOS/cbc.aspx> .

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CBC Christmas and New Year Opening Hours

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|---|---------------------------------|
| Monday 22 December / Tuesday 23 December | Normal opening hours |
| Wednesday 24 December | Closure at 4.00pm |
| Thursday 25 December / Friday 26 December | Offices closed – public holiday |
| Monday 29 December / Tuesday 30 December | Normal opening hours |
| Wednesday 31 December | Closure at 4.30pm |
| Thursday 1 January | Offices closed – public holiday |
| Friday 2 January | Normal opening hours |

Christmas bin collection days

Please note your revised Christmas bin collections below.

Please remember to put your wheeled bin / bags out before 7am on your collection day.

| Scheduled bin collection day | Revised bin collection day |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Monday 22 December | Saturday 20 December |
| Tuesday 23 December | Monday 22 December |
| Wednesday 24 December | Tuesday 23 December |
| Thursday 25 December | Wednesday 24 December |
| Friday 26 December | Saturday 27 December |
| Monday 29 December | No change |
| Tuesday 30 December | No change |
| Wednesday 31 December | No change |
| Thursday 1 January | Friday 2 January |
| Friday 2 January | Saturday 3 January |

All collections including garden and bulky waste will resume as normal from w/c Monday 5 January 2015.
Tidy tips in Biggleswade, Ampthill, Leighton Buzzard are closed - Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Day.

(2) Bedfordshire Police (BP): www.bedfordshire.police.uk

The crime stats for the month have been presented to the council.

REPORTED CRIME – YEAR TO DATE

| RECORDED CRIME | | | ASB INCIDENTS | |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|---|
| Crime Type | 01/11/13 to 30/11/13 | 01/11/14 to 30/11/14 | November 2014 | |
| Violence against the Person | 4 | 1 | Total | 2 |
| Domestic Burglary | 0 | 1 | | |
| Burglary Other | 0 | 0 | | |
| Vehicle Crime | 0 | 4 | | |
| Other Theft | 0 | 1 | | |
| Criminal Damage | 3 | 0 | | |
| Drugs | 0 | 0 | | |
| Total | 7 | 7 | | |

Two reported anti-social behaviour incidents for October:

- (1) Youths trying to break into the tennis courts at School Lane.
- (2) Nuisance youths drinking alcohol at School Lane.

If you wish to contact your Local Policing Team then please call 01582 473411 or email LPT.LeightonBuzzardLinslade&Rural@bedfordshire.pnn.police.uk

All information is confidential and no names will be disclosed. Please remember if you need to contact the Police: **Non-emergency call 101 / All emergencies 999**

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7. PLANNING REPORT; Planning Applications, November 2014

| Application | Planning Location | Proposed Development | Comment |
|-------------|-------------------------|--|---------------|
| CB/14/04265 | 12 High Street, LU6 2DL | Demolition of a small existing timber outbuilding & erection of timber granny annex for ancillary residential use. | No Objections |

8. BUSINESS MATTERS

(1) The Rye Ground:

(1.1) Barrier: The Clerk met with the contractors who have confirmed that they will be fitting the new barrier end November/beginning December.

(1.2) Car Park: Awaiting response from CBC Planning whether planning application is required for extension to current car park area.

(2) Cricket Club Lease: Cllr. Johns met with the council's Solicitor, a copy of the draft Lease was forwarded to all Councillors. It was proposed the Clerk forward a copy of the final draft Lease to the Cricket Club for their attention/reponse. All agreed.

Clerk/C.Club

(3) Christmas Festivities: It was proposed the council place/organise for advertising boards at the Three Corners and Market Square for the Brass Band visit on 19th December 2014. All agreed. The Christmas trees have been fitted and the wreaths are all displayed. Due to the popularity of the Christmas Wreaths it was recommended the Council place requests for next year's Christmas Wreath in the local Focus/website now to prepare for costs/numbers. Cllr. Spicer to be contact. All agreed.

Cllr.Spicer/Clerk

(4) CBC Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment Consultation; forwarded to Councillors. It was recommended details are placed on EB website for information. All agreed.

(5) LTP Rural Match Finding & Bidding; forwarded to Councillors, noted.

(6) Football Pitches - The Rye/School Lane/Holmans Field:

(6.1) Is planning permission required for temporary goal posts? Clerk to enquire. Agreed.

Clerk

(6.2) Recommended the Council put together yearly agreements for parish football pitches, to include reviewing maintenance costs. Proposed the draft Agreements be put together by GPWG, with recommendations being forwarded to PC for final discussion. All agreed. Clerk to write to Edlesborough PC for copies of their football/pitch agreements. Agreed.

GPWG

(6.3) Representatives from EB Lions were in attendance at the meeting, the PC requested confirmation that the football club has full Public Liability cover on pitch use and goal posts. Confirmed at meeting by EB Lions.

(7) Motocross: See Parish Council Minutes, Page 1576, Item 6(1)(1.3).

(8) Village Roads – HGV Limit/Speedwatch:

(8.1) Speedwatch – training being carried out on Saturday 6th December 2014, 2:00pm in the Coffee Tavern. EBPC will be working together with Bedfordshire Police and Totternhoe PC.

(8.2) HGV Limit – Cllr. Tomkins presented his report to the PC. CBC/Amey had received overwhelming support for Eaton Bray to be included in the scheme. Cllr. Tomkins and Cllr. Peter Tasker (Totternhoe Parish Council) are now working together to put forward an updated scheme to include both villages in a revised scheme. It was proposed that the PC agree in principal to a revised scheme and to put forward a proposal to Amey/CBC. All agreed. Cllr. Tomkins to action.

Cllr. Tomkins

(9) Memorial Service - road closure/plans: It was recommended that the timings for the road closure for the Remembrance Service held in November in Eaton Bray be increased from 10 minutes (2014) to a minimum of 20 minutes (2016). Road closure request to be put forwarded to CBC for the 2016 Remembrance Service in April/May 2016. All agreed.

b/f 04/2016

(10) Felling/Trimming trees – Parish Council land: The Parish Council has received numerous requests and costs have been incurred for work to trees within the parish. It was proposed that the PC follow the rules set out by Central Bedfordshire Council regarding the trimming/cutting of trees. All agreed.

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| It is generally Council [CBC] policy not to top, lop or fell otherwise healthy trees that would otherwise need no maintenance to: |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alleviate problems such as the build of leaves, seeds, berries or other minor debris on a neighbouring property. • To allow more light to a property, where the trees in question would not otherwise require any surgery. • To improve television or satellite reception. • To prevent roots entering already broken pipes. |
| ... if a tree/hedge does not have birds nesting or if a tree does not have a tree preservation order, we can only work on it if there is a health and safety risk or the tree is diseased. |

(11) Neighbourhood Watch: Information to be placed on council website/facebook. All agreed.

9. REPORTS

(1) Chairman's Correspondence:

- (1.1) Letter – GAPP communal fund: Read to Councillors.
- (1.2) CBC Highways Survey: Forwarded to GPWG to complete. All agreed.
- (1.3) ROSPA Survey: Forwarded to GPWG to complete. All agreed.

GPWG

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(2) Clerk's Report:

- (2.1) The Clerk handed out the read file for circulation.

(3) Coffee Tavern/Cottage: The roof has been mended.

(4) Cemetery: No items to report.

(5) Finance: It was proposed that the Finance Working Group put forwarded a detailed budget for sign-off at the PC Meeting in January 2015. All agreed.

Finance W.G.

(6) Working Groups: Contractors have been contacted to supply quotations for work needed to be carried out on play equipment, as highlighted on RoSPA report; awaiting responses.

10. **ACCOUNTS: TO RESOLVE TO PAY NOVEMBER**; Presented to council - all agreed.

| MONTHLY PAYMENTS: NOVEMBER 2014 | |
|---|------------------|
| Ground Maintenance | £1,170.10 |
| Village improvements; bedding/plants | £211.46 |
| Village improvements: Christmas festivities | £731.49 |
| Salaries (Clerk & Handyman) | £968.31 |
| HM Revenue & Customs (PAYE/NIC) | £93.15 |
| TOTAL Monthly Outgoings | £3,174.41 |

11. NEXT AGENDA

- Items for the next Parish Council Meeting Agenda MUST BE SUBMITTED to the Clerk NO LATER THAN Tuesday 23rd December 2014. All Councillors please note that items submitted after this date will not be included in the January 2015 agenda and will be deferred to the Parish Council Meeting scheduled in February 2015.

All Councillors

The meeting closed at 9:35pm.

Next meeting/s to be held:

Monday 5th January 2014; from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)

Monday 2nd February 2014; from 7:30pm at The Coffee Tavern (1st floor)